



Norwescon 42

Don't forget your towel!

Happy March!

April fools! It's not March anymore. That means Norwescon is only a few short weeks away! Are you ready? [Online pre-registration](#) closes at midnight on Wednesday, April 3rd. After that, passes can only be purchased at the door.

Norwescon Raffle!

This year Norwescon will be holding our first ever raffle to support our programs and services. Tickets will be \$5 and sold starting Thursday April 18th. You must be 18 years or older to purchase tickets. Look for our floating raffle brigade during some events or stop by the info table!

Here is a teaser of some of our fabulous prizes:

- A personalized reading list from our very own Guest of Honor, librarian Nancy Pearl.
- A "Don't Panic" Kindle with an Amazon gift card to purchase the complete works of Douglas Adams
- One overnight stay at the SeaTac DoubleTree (with parking included)

The winners will be drawn during half time of the masquerade on Saturday. You need not be present to win! Also, if you purchase a ticket to the GOH Banquet, you get a raffle ticket for free!

Norwescon Merch!

Did you know Norwescon has merchandise? Of course you did! You can find it at the convention near registration. Did you also know you can buy those items ahead of time? It's true!



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Check out this year's Norwescon merchandise at [this link](#) and get your gear before the convention begins.

Do You Have a Talent?

OR DO YOU REALLY AGGRESSIVELY NOT HAVE A TALENT AND ARE YOU PROUD OF THAT?

Either way, sign up for Cascadia's Got Talent!, our heavily-tongue-in-cheek talent show at Norwescon! Come demonstrate your talent (or lack thereof) to our panel of celebrity *d/r/u/n/k/s/* judges! Win fabulous prizes or, at least, prizes, comma, alleged, and don't worry - if you're there to show an actual talent, that's great, too! Every year somebody gets to take home our fabulous Science Olympics Trophy for Entertainment, made every year just for the show by fan and found-objects artist, Scott Thomas, and it's usually the person who can actually do something. Who knew?

Signup forms will be at-con at the Information Desk. See you then!

GOH Spotlight: Dan Koboldt

[Dan Koboldt](#) is a genetics researcher and fantasy/science fiction author from the Midwest. He is the author of the Gateway to Alissia series about a Las Vegas magician who infiltrates a medieval world. He is also the editor of Putting the Science in Fiction, a reference book that aims to help writers craft more realistic stories, and the creator of The Triangle, a sci-fi adventure serial.

Dan works at the Institute for Genomic Medicine at Nationwide Children's Hospital, where he and his colleagues use next-generation DNA sequencing technologies to uncover the genetic basis of pediatric diseases. He has co-authored more than 70 publications in Nature, Science, The New England Journal of Medicine, and other scientific journals.

Be sure to catch his panels during the con!

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